GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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POSITION OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF OIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to dismantling of administrative pricing mechanism for petroleum sector during the Ninth-Five-Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the programme to be followed in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have reviewed the position of domestic oil production during the Ninth Five-Year Plan;

(d) if so, whether there is any shortfall to the target fixed for the period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to fulfil the shortages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The requisite details are at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. As per present estimates the domestic production of crude oil during the ninth plan is expected to be about 163.3 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) as against the original target of 180.82 MMT.

(e): The reasons for the likely shortfall in crude oil production are:-

(i) The major oil fields including Mumbai High, are in the natural declining phase with age.
(ii) No significant or major oil field has been discovered for last several years.
(iii) Continued environment problems in North-Eastern Region and its cascadingeffect has resulted in less base potential due to subdued drilling and work over activities.
(iv) Delay in commissioning of Enhanced Oil Recovery schemes in the heavy oil belt of North Gujarat.
(v) Major downward revision of producible reserves of Neelam field.

Various steps taken to increase the production of crude oil and natural gas are:-

(i) Optimizing production from existing fields through better reservoir management, 3-D seismic surveys, infill drilling, pressure maintenance, installation/optimization of artificial lift system and use of advanced and cost effective technologies and improvement in recovery factor.

(ii) Faster development of newly discovered oilfields.

(iii) Finding new hydrocarbon reserves through intensified exploration activities such as:

- Exploration at greater depths in existing fields.
- Extending exploration activities to deep waters and frontier areas.
- Increased private participation in exploration activities through implementation of New Exploration Licensing Policy.